curbed the outflow of foreign exchange;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the specific steps taken in this regard;

(d) whether the Government have cleared the foreign visits of some officials during the last three months despite ban on foreign tours of Government officers;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor;

(f) the number of Government officials who went abroad during the last three months and purpose of their visits; and

(g) the amount of foreign exchange spent on these visits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) to (e). There is a ban on foreign tours of Government officers with certain exceptions which *inter-alia* include tours for commercial, aid for foreign policy negotiations.

The proposals for the foreign visits of officers are thoroughly scrutinised and only such visits are allowed which are inescapable and where full justification is available.

(f) and (g). The information is not centrally maintained and will have to be collected from all Ministries/Departments/Offices of the Government of India. The time and labour involved in collecting the information may not be commensurate with objective to be achieved.

New Textile Policy

392. SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have considered the recommendations of the Abid Hussain's Committee report on the Textile Policy, 1985;

(b) if so, what will be mode of the new textile policy;

(c) whether the new policy is expected to bring the industry to the international level; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (d). Recommendations of the Abid Hussain Committee are under consideration of the Government.

[*Translation*]

Induction of Private Buses Under DTC

393. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:-

(a) whether some private buses have been inducted under D.T.C. operation recently;

(b) if so, the total number thereof and the number of permits issued to the persons belonging to SC/ST;

(c) the number of buses initially proposed to be inducted;

(d) the reasons for not achieving this target; and

(e) the steps being taken for inducting the remaining buses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.